

# SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AGGREGATING INFORMATION OVER A WIDE AREA NETWORK

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A system and method is provided for aggregating information from a plurality of remote information systems, such as bulletin boards, over a wide area network, such that a reception device operating on an aggregated information system can receive message data contained on the plurality of remote information systems. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention an aggregating application operating on the aggregated information system is adapted to retrieve original message data (OMD),  
10 such as a previously posted new message, and response message data (RMD), such as a previously posted response message, from a plurality of remote information systems. This retrieved message data (i.e., OMD, RMD) can then be provided to at least one reception device communicating with the aggregated information system. In  
15 another embodiment of the present invention, the aggregating application is further adapted to receive additional original message data (AOMD), such as a new message, and additional response message data (ARMD), such as a response message responding to a previously posted message, from the at least one reception device. This received message data (i.e., AOMD, ARMD), along with the retrieved message data (i.e., OMD, RMD), is then provided to the plurality of remote information systems  
20 along with advertisement data, such that it can be provided to any additional reception devices communicating with the plurality of remote information systems.